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"It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man" Psalm 118:8 *Volume 19(5) Sept-Oct, 2002*

John Mackay, Creation Scientist To Conduct Seminar in Kansas City Area

Tues, Wed - Oct 1 & 2 - 7:00 - 9:00PM

Westbrooke Church, 9898 W. 95th, Ov Park, Ks

John Mackay is director of Creation Research, a global creation ministry with offices in several countries, headquartered in Australia. (see www.creationresearch.net). Mackay has lectured literally all over the world, at many university campuses including Oxford. He is one of the most effective, knowledgeable, hard-hitting, speakers you will ever hear. His Aussie accent and dry wit insure you will not get sleepy during any of his talks.

John is not an armchair scientist. He spends countless hours in the field. When he first came 20 years ago, he had just successfully challenged the British Museum's claims about a human skeleton by taking pictures from Guadeloupe Island directly to the person who had made the claims. He left Kansas City after a seminar, and at midnight was drilling rock core samples in the middle of the Paluxy River in Texas.

John's best known publications are his hard hitting videos:

Evidence for Noah's Flood (Filmed at the Association for Geology and Earth Science, Oxford, UK)

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Clifford Wilson, Archaeologist To Speak and Conduct Seminar in Kansas City Area

Fri & Sat, Nov 1 & 2, 2002

Clifford and Barbara Wilson, both PhD's, will conduct a Friday night, Saturday Seminar, Nov 1 & 2, and will speak at the Nov 5 CSA meeting. His topic will generally be "Genesis Confirmed by Modern Science and Archaeology." For details, call, write or email CSA or await the **Nov/Dec CSA News** (in early October).

Stephen Jay Gould, NRIPEG

(No Rest In Peace for the Enemies of God)

As Paul wished to save his jailers, I was profoundly saddened by the death of one of Americas foremost enemies of God, and creation, Stephen Jay Gould. Gould was a Harvard professor of Paleontology (the "science" of telling you where you came from based on bits and pieces of fossilized bone). He was an atheist, Marxist, evolutionist. He authored a monthly column in *Natural History*, the monthly magazine of the American Museum of Natural History, and wrote a number of books. Gould was obsessed with evolution and, as far as I recall, his writing seemed always to focus on, in his eyes, erudite vindication of some evolutionist theory or person, and on defending his own theories. He was often critical of evolutionists, but never without an alternate theory to supplant the one he disapproved.

Gould's reputation was tarnished among evolutionists, because he was moderately aware of some creation writings and gave, in the eyes of some, too much credence to them. Gould became famous for proposing the theory of *"Punctuated Equilibrium."* This "theory" directly contradicted true Darwinism because Darwin insisted that all evolutionary change was gradual. Gould argued quite convincingly, as had many creation scientists, that there was no evidence for gradualism in the fossil record.

With *Punctuated Equiblirium*, Gould and Niles Eldridge argued that the fossil record did not show "gradual transformation," because for most of history species normally did not evolve. Then, perhaps due to extreme environmental pressure in isolated pockets, this "stasis" was "punctuated" by rapid bursts or "steps" of evolution. They argued that Goldschmidt (1940's) and his "hopeful monster" theory would be, at least somewhat, vindicated. This angered diehard Darwinist gradualists. On the one hand, Gould was right, the fossil does not record gradualism.

But creationists, and his enemies were right too, neither does the fossil record support rapid leaps and, worse, genetics mitigates absolutely against bursts of "good" macro mutations. As Duane Gish and others quickly pointed out, Gould had opened evolutionism to the charge that, **"For 100 years evolutionists have argued that evolution happens so slowly we can't observe it, now they are arguing that evolution happens so fast we can't observe it!"** The creationist charge was entirely fair, but Gould was highly incensed. Though *punctuated equilibrium* became an icon among many evolutionists, many rejected it, largely because

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it produced so much for creationists to laugh about. No one could accept it based on evidence.

I still have the very first article I read by Gould, *"Evolution as Fact and Theory,"* Discover, May 1981. The purpose of the article was quite clear: to attack Christianity in general, creation in particular and vindicate Gould who had become the brunt of some jokes [which he attributed to "creationists"].

"The rise of creationism is politics pure and simple; it represents one issue (and by no means the major concern) of the resurgent evangelical right." Gould was a sharp and incisive enemy, but a learned opponent could always recognize an incredibly high fallacy-per-paragraph rate. "Well evolution *is* a theory. It is also a fact. And facts and theories are different things, not rungs in a hierarchy of increasing certainty. Facts are the world's data. Theories are structures of ideas that explain and interpret facts. Facts do not go away when scientists debate rival theories to explain them." [We find no major flaw in these statements, but, stand by.] "Einstein's theory of gravity replaced Newton's, but apples did not suspend themselves in midair pending the outcome. <u>And human beings evolved from apelike ancestors whether they did so by Darwin's proposed mechanism or by some other, yet to be discovered.</u>" (Notice the gross suspension of logic here. Everyone has **observed** apples fall; no one has observed anything evolve, much less a human evolve from an ape. A logic monitor would go off the alarm scale here.)

He then explains that "fact" does not mean "absolute certainty." He then correctly explains that "proofs in logic and mathematics achieve certainty only because they are *not* about the empirical world," indicating that he has studied the issue and does understand it. But then, "In science, 'fact' can only mean 'confirmed to a degree that it would be perverse to withhold provisional assent.'" (He made this up. Earlier he claimed facts were the world's data, now he is making theories into facts.) He then simply asserts that evolution is fact, the mechanisms (causes) of evolution are theory! Then he "defends" it:

"The Fact of Evolution. Our confidence that evolution occurred centers upon three general arguments." [Logic alarm: Facts were data above, data does not depend on arguments.]

1. "...direct observational evidence in... Field and laboratory... Countless experiments on fruitflies [Yes fruitflies were mutated, but there were no new structures, only destroyed ones. There was no evolution! This is true of all mutations studied!], to the famous British moths that turned black when industrial soot darkened the trees [trunks] upon which they rest." [Modern researchers have spent 25 years and found **not one** Peppered moth anywhere in the wild, much less on tree trunks. Kettlewell's original notes have been "lost" by his college, but it appears that his "experiments" were bogus or fraud. Also, no one claimed they "turned black," only that the ratio of darker to lighter changed. I assumed his word processor got a little aggressive and withheld critique, but, he has repeated the claim. It is a lie.]

Now for his biggie, the "second and third arguments - the case for major changes, do not involve direct observation, they rest on inference." [Logic alarm: above we were told they were facts = data, now they rest on inference]. Here is his lifetime classic: "The second argument - that the imperfection of nature reveals evolution." He then brushes aside evolutionists who expect evolution to design and build perfect gulls wings. Then brushes aside God by saying, "But perfection could be imposed by a wise creator or evolved by natural selection. (Notice, you are expected to believe, without evidence, that nature (random processes) can do anything a creator can do). Now comes the coup de grace, "Evolution lies exposed in the *imperfections* that record a history of descent. Why should a rat run, a bat fly, a porpoise swim, and I type this essay with structures built of the same bones unless we all inherited them from a common ancestor? [then he tosses in, without pause, this clincher] **<u>An engineer, starting from scratch could design better limbs in each case</u>**" (my emphasis).

Logic alarm off the scale. 1. Who is he to tell God how to design animals? A design cannot be critiqued by someone who does not know its purpose, nor by someone incompetent to duplicate the design. God said He had cursed the entire creation, causing a universal "bondage to decay." Only a fool would expect perfection in nature. 2. Fords, Chevys and pocket watches have common features (gear trains, etc.), but were created by creators who don't even know each other. 3. I challenged Gould to stand behind his "engineer could do a better job in every case" claim, by having an arm amputated and let 100 engineers try.

"The third argument...: transitions are often found in the fossil record... The lower jaw of reptiles contains several bones, that of mammals only one. The non-mammalian jawbones are reduced step by step in mammalian ancestors until they become tiny nubbins located at the back of the jaw. The 'hammer' and 'anvil' of the mammalian ear are descendants of these nubbins." No pictures, no evidence. I can provide pictorial proof that spoons evolved into forks by doing this sort of "lineup." But Gould just declared the lineage to nubbins, and that nubbins became two of the most unique bones in the mammalian body, ignoring the redesign of the nervous system and the brain. This is not "fact" it is a ludicrous faith, or a willful perversion of evidence.

Dear readers, for evolution to be a *fact* in science there must be **observed**, significant new biological structures produced by random processes. There are no observed biological structures produced by **any** process. And, as Gould and others pointed out, Darwinism is totally absent in the fossil record. Blind faith, not science, leads one to conclude that snake jaws became the hearing apparatus of mammals. **<u>Evolution is myth, not fact!</u>**

In the last major "creation trial," word leaked to Gould that Scalia and Kennedy were making fools of the ACLU lawyers. The local atheist club reported gleefully that Gould masterminded and led the effort to get 70 (or so) Nobel Laureates to sign a "friend of the court brief." The strategy had the intellectual and legal merit of asking the atheist club to vote on the existence of God, but sufficient donkeys on the court brayed with the laureates to overthrow the law proposing balanced treatment in the schools.

Many who's heart goes out to a handicapped child may not understand how my heart went out to Gould, who was handicapped only by his <u>willful</u> rejection of God. There was a time I despised such people, but I have long since realized that, "Except for the grace of God, there go I!" I weep because somehow I feel perhaps, we who knew better, let him down. But, it is not as though some did not try. Curt Wise, a Christian, Creationist was the first person Gould told about his cancer, thought to be terminal. Wise presented the Gospel to his Ph.D. advisor, atheist, Marxist, Stephen Jay Gould. Gould threw his God-given intellect at God and his people. Gould shouted "Evolution is fact!" But God lives, creation is still obvious, and Curt Wise got his Ph.D. Gould flunked life. We weep... and pray for Gould's disciples.

By Tom Willis

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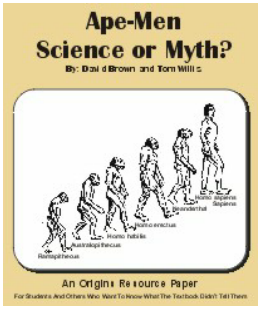

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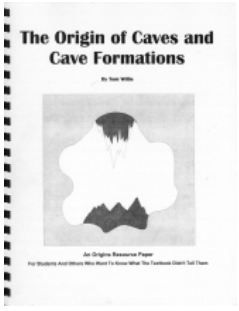

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Intelligent Design II

Video: "Icons of Evolution," by Jonathan Wells, Ph.D. (with commentary by CSA)

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CSA Meeting - Tuesday, Oct 1, 2002

Creation or Evolution?

An Evening with John Mackay

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Quotable Quotes:

"For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known."

Paul's summary of empirical science, 1 Cor 13:12

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Karl Popper's summary of empirical science.

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